

Bon Air Special Area Plan Community Workshop

April 24, 2014

Meeting Summary

Eighty-seven people participated in the Bon Air Special Area Plan community workshop, held at Bon Air Elementary on Thursday April 24th. In Attendance were Bon Air residents, area business owners, parents of children who attend Bon Air Elementary School, members of local community groups and organizations, the Midlothian District Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission representatives and Chesterfield County staff. The workshop was an open-house style meeting and participants were able to come share their input and ideas for the future of Bon Air between 4-8 PM at their own convenience. Participants were asked to identify things that they like currently about Bon Air as well as things that they would like to see change or added to the area. Participants were able to share their ideas on flip charts and maps if they wanted to highlight specific geographic areas. The following is a summary of the comments, ideas and questions made by the participants.



Things you like (currently)...

Several participants acknowledged the Bon Air community as something they like currently. There were 18 comments that identified the community of Bon Air including the people, businesses, area groups and organizations and faith based institutions as positive attributes of Bon Air. Area public facilities were also identified by participants as things they like about Bon Air. There were 14 comments about public facilities that included the public schools serving the area and the Bon Air library. Participants also identified some of the new transportation improvements as enhancements to the area, there were five comments about the new sidewalks in the commercial core area and three comments about the pedestrian crosswalk across Huguenot Road at Forest Hill. Other comments about things liked in Bon Air included five comments about the natural environment of the area, three comments about the historic village feel and the Victorian houses and one comment on the low crime rate in the area.

Things to change or add...

Several participants identified transportation related issues that they would like to see changed or added to Bon Air. Pedestrian accommodations including the need for additional sidewalks, trails and walking paths and crosswalks at intersections accounted for 49 different comments. There were two comments regarding the desire not to have traditional sidewalks in Bon Air. Other transportation related comments included 27 comments regarding Issues with speeding traffic and the need for traffic calming and safety improvements at key intersections, eight comments about the need for bike facilities and a

comment about regional commuter rail. Several participants identified the need for additional community features and recreational opportunities in Bon Air. There were 17 comments expressing a desire for some sort of park or green space in the area. Participants also identified aesthetic and design improvements that they would like to see in the area. There were five comments regarding the overhead utility wires, three comments regarding the need for greater code enforcement in the area, two comments about the need for street lighting and one comment about the need for signage within the area for community facilities. Nine participants commented on the need for additional retail businesses in Bon Air including restaurants and a coffee shop. There were also three comments recommending the preservation of trees in the area.

